

SHARPS ON SHIP TRY TO FLEECE MILLIONAIRES.

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MIGHT HAVE WON FORTUNE

Capt. Richter Breaks up Game and Exposes Professional Swindlers on the Verge of Success.

Card sharps tried to swindle Willie K. Vanderbilt, O. H. P. Belmont, Robert Goeltz, J. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., and two other millionaires on the Kronprinz Wilhelm, which arrived to-day.

Only for the timely interference of Capt. Richter the two men, who are professional card sharps, would have won a fortune. The game was one of the largest ever played aboard that vessel. It started with a \$5 limit, but this was taken off and any player could bet "as high as the roof," as gamblers say. The Vanderbilt-Belmont party started the game and it was not until the third day out that the two sharps allowed themselves to be drawn into the game. Previous to sailing a notorious adventurer of London and New York introduced two well-dressed young men to members of the party.

The card sharps spent the first two days in ingratiating themselves to the young W. K. Vanderbilt. They did not frequent the card-room. On the third day out they were asked by Mr. Vanderbilt to sit in a game of poker. Reluctantly they consented, and at first lost small amounts. Gradually they began to regain their losses and were quite considerable winners, when an on-looker detected signals passing between the men. He watched them closely and then told Capt. Richter.

Capt. Richter walked in and ordered the game stopped. Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Belmont were exceedingly angry and declared they would play cards as long as they wished and that no steamship captain had a right to stop them.

"We are gentlemen, playing a gentleman's game," declared Mr. Belmont.

Capt. Richter then turned to the two men and ordered them to leave the card-room and not to enter it again during the trip.

"They are professional card sharps," said Capt. Richter, "and were preparing to rob you."

During the remainder of the trip the sharps remained in their staterooms and the poker game continued, but with no strangers playing.

RATHER SUICIDE THAN INSANITY

Dr. W. J. Larmer, at First Thought to Have Been Murdered, Drowned Himself.

Worry over domestic affairs and his own bad health caused Dr. William J. Larmer, of No. 312 West Twenty-second street, to commit suicide by drowning himself in the Hudson River. His body was found at the foot of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street to-day and taken to the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street police station.

From the contusions and other wounds on the body the police at first believed he had been murdered and thrown into the river.

Dr. Larmer formerly had a large practice in the neighborhood of his home and was regarded as a most successful physician. Several months ago his wife was sent to a private asylum suffering from mental trouble. The doctor did not like the idea of having her there, and she was removed to Brooklyn, where he established a home for her and their three children.

Worried Himself into Suicide.

His wife's condition and his own enfeebled health so preyed on his mind that he determined to kill himself. He had dropped to such an extent that he believed it had affected his brain. His greatest horror was of becoming insane. He visited his wife yesterday and took her on a short shopping trip, leaving her at her home in Brooklyn to return to New York and dine with Dr. Joseph E. Messenger, of No. 303 West Twenty-second street, to whom he had sold his residence across the street.

After his dinner he told Dr. Messenger that he believed he was hopelessly incurable and had about determined to end his life. He left the doctor's home shortly after 7 o'clock and said he was

GIANTS LOSE TO PITTSBURG IN A BRILLIANT GAME.

New Yorkers Play a Splendid Uphill Game—Champions Win Out in Last Inning—Miller Pitches in Surprising Form.

New York.....0 0 2 0 0 1 0 1 4
Pittsburg.....1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2-6

The Batting Order.
New York. Pittsburgh.
Dunn, ss. Beaumont, cf.
Bresnahan, rf. Leach, 2b.
McGinn, lb. Ritchey, 3b.
Brodie, cf. Conroy, ss.
Bowerman, c. Burke, rf.
Lauder, 2b. O'Connor, lb.
Smith, 2b. Zimmer, c.
Miller, p. Chesbro, p.
Umpire—O'Day.

(Special to The Evening World.)
EXPOSITION PARK, PITTSBURG, Aug. 19.—Pittsburg's team presented a patched up condition this afternoon when they began playing the first game of the series against the Giants.

The New Yorkers were a little better off. Johnnie McGraw was not on hand to work around the short-stop position. He was in Indianapolis talking over the success of his raiding visit with John T. Brush and probably getting orders how to proceed in the acquisition of more players.

While McGraw is anxious for his team to pull out of last place, he says they did so well without him in Chicago that they can get along without him a while longer. Johnny Dunn was on hand when the team arrived this morning and this afternoon essayed to work at short.

Flushed by their four-time victory in Chicago and imbued with more confidence because of Pittsburgh's patched up team, the Giants expected to trounce the Pirates to-day.

They looked like an entirely new team to the Pittsburgh fans, and no such odds as 4 to 1 were offered by the betters on the Pirates as was the case on the New Yorkers' last visit here. Two to one was the best, and by the frequency of the bets made it was a conservative estimate to state that \$6,000 was wagered on the contest.

Word was received from McGraw in Indianapolis to-day that among the men he signed for next season's Giants was "one of the best shortstops in the American League."

Who that is can only be guessed at, for McGraw is silent on the name. It is presumed that it is Cochrane, the crack player of the Washington Club. Bradley, who plays third base for the St. Louis American Club, is also thought to be a man. Kid Wallace's name is also suggested.

First Inning.
Bresnahan's rap past Leach earned him a base, but he waited in his attempt to steal a second. He failed to reach the base, but only succeeded in spiking Ritchey, who was forced. He had the wound dressed and he could resume play. Dunn failed to connect with Chesbro's delivery. Zimmer, under the foul booth of Bresnahan, No runs.

Bresnahan didn't have to move a step to get Beaumont's fly. Leach's rap bounded away over Brodie's head and before the second out was made, the Pirates had made the circuit of the bases. Wagner clipped a safety pass Dunn and reached taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition. He is fifty years old.

Second Inning.
Conroy had McGinn's roller at first in time. Brodie boosted a fly into Wagner's hands. Bowerman reached first on his rap to left. Leach's hit was for a base, too, and he reached second on Wagner's throw to third. Smith's line fly sailed into O'Connor's hands. No runs.

Miller made such a bad throw of Brodie's line hit that the Pirates reached first safely. The latter reached second while Smith was throwing O'Connor out. Zimmer's hit took an ugly bound away from Dunn, and it was a single. Burke scored on it. Chesbro's knock to Smith forced Zimmer at second, and the Pirates' pitcher was doubled up at first. One run.

Third Inning.
Miller's pop-up dropped to O'Connor. Conroy threw Bresnahan's roller badly and the Giant reached first. Dunn followed with a single over Ritchey's head. Bresnahan's throw to right centre was for three bases and Bresnahan and Dunn scampered home. McGinn's line fly fell to Conroy. Brodie fanned. Two runs.

Beaumont drew a pass to first. Leach's hit was a sacrifice, which Miller handled. Wagner's foul fly was taken by McGinn. Dunn helped in the retirement of Ritchey at first. No runs.

Fourth Inning.
Bowerman got a base on his knock to right on his hit to center. Wagner Smith couldn't hit the ball as served by Chesbro in three swings at it. Burke caught Miller. No runs.

Lauder made a fine play when he stopped Conroy's rap and threw his man out. Burke ran fast and beat out a neat bunt. Miller stopped O'Connor's rap, but Jack beat out the throw. Smith had a long run before he got Zimmer's fly. Chesbro's knock to Dunn was O'Connor's undoing at second. No runs.

Fifth Inning.
Conroy took Bresnahan's pop fly. Dunn got a walk. Bresnahan hit to Ritchey. Conroy was caught at second. Bresnahan was the second victim of a double play. No runs.

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BROOKLYN VS. ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS—SECOND GAME.

BROOKLYN.....3 0 1 3 0 0 0
ST. LOUIS.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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Third Inning—Dahlen singled. eH was easy on a steal. C. Farrell struck out. W. Donovan singled to right and Flood to left. Evans's single scored W. Donovan. Wheeler died at first. One run.

J. O'Neil walked. M. O'Neil forced him out. Brashear forced M. O'Neil out at second. Smoot singled. Brashear was nailed stealing. No runs.

Fourth Inning—Sheckard walked. Keeler singled. Dolan singled, scoring Sheckard. Dahlen flied to Smoot. Farrell singled, scoring Keeler and Dolan. W. Donovan flied out. Flood forced Farrell out. Three runs.

At Chicago—End sixth inning: Chicago, 4; Philadelphia, 0. At Cincinnati—End of fifth inning: Cincinnati, 3; Boston, 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES.
At Boston—Detroit vs. Boston game postponed; rain. At Philadelphia—Chicago, 5; Philadelphia, 2.

At Baltimore—End eighth inning: St. Louis, 9; Baltimore, 4. At Washington—End seventh: Washington, 1; Cleveland, 1.

LATE RESULTS AT ST. LOUIS.
Fourth Race—Fearful 1, Gov. Boyd 2, Grand Dad.

AT HAWTHORNE.
Fourth Race—John McGurk 1, Scarlet Lily 2, Orontas 3. Fifth Race—Silurian 1, Rolling Boer 2, Headmaster 3.

BIG TRANSFERS TO DEVERLY'S DISTRICT.
The Board of Elections has made public figures that show that 1,066 transfers have been made of primary voters from other districts to the Ninth, in which Devery is running for leader. In other contested districts the figures run very high.

RAN OFF WITH FORTY-TWO DIAMONDS.
An unidentified man walked into the jewelry store of A. Webster & Co., No. 440 Fulton street, Brooklyn, to-day and asked to see some diamonds. A tray containing forty-two solitary rings was shown him. He grabbed it and ran from the store and escaped. The diamonds were valued at \$3,150.

MINISTER WHITE BACK IN BERLIN.
BERLIN, Aug. 19.—Andrew D. White, the United States Ambassador, has returned here for a few days' work before going to Switzerland, via the Rhine country, with his daughter, Mrs. Newberry, and her third son. Mr. White, after his retirement on Nov. 7, will probably spend the winter in Switzerland and Italy, as he desires several months' quiet work on the literary designs which he has in hand.

CLERGYMAN CANDIDATE IS STRONG.
CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 19.—Rev. Dr. Morgan Wood, who will be the Democratic candidate for Congress against T. E. Burton, Chairman of the River and Harbor Committee, is one of the most popular clergymen in Cleveland. He is the pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, one of the most fashionable in town. He is a speaker of general force and his selection is the personal choice of Mayor Johnson.

WILSON'S BROTHER DENIES ARREST.
NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 19.—Minor K. Wilson, a brother of Dr. Russell Wilson, who was said to have been arrested at Bluefields as a filibuster, has written here from Boca Del Toro seeking to trace the authorship of the original report of Dr. Wilson's arrest. He says Dr. Wilson is still at Boca and in excellent health. Mr. Wilson thinks a practical joker started the yarn.

NEW THEATRE F OR CLEVELAND.
DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 19.—A new theatre, to cost \$100,000, will be opened to the public of Cleveland Jan. 1, 1903, by Detroit men who have secured a lease of property whereon they intend to build. The work of tearing down the old buildings on the property on Superior street, opposite the Hollenden Hotel, where the new theatre will be located, is already under way.

NEW WHISKEY TRUST PROPOSED.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 19.—It is reported here that a plan is now on foot to form a combination of the outside distillers in Kentucky and the outside spirit distillers in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, the proposed consolidation being a revival of the so-called "Greenbaum plan," which was stopped in its infancy three years ago by the formation of the present combin, known as the Distilling Company of America.

HAYTIANS FORM DEPUTIES CHAMBER.
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hayti, Aug. 19.—The Chamber of Deputies was constituted to-day. Deputies Senegoulet was elected President of the Chamber, and the House is now proceeding with the election of Senators.

HERBERT WINS SARATOGA STAKE.

Old Campaigner Makes Articulate, Western Crack, Look Like "Thirty Cents"—Big Plunge on Acefull.

by a head. Bar Le Duc was six lengths in front of Bessie McCarthy.

THE WINNERS.
FIRST RACE—Kilogram 1, Bar Le Duc 2, Bessie McCarthy 3.
SECOND RACE—Acefull 1, Nine Spot 2, Ocleant 3.
THIRD RACE—Brandy Smash 1, Lady Radnor 2, Toddy 3.
FOURTH RACE—Herbert 1, Key-note 2, Whiskey King 3.
FIFTH RACE—Gloriosa 1, W. R. Condon 2, Shrine 3.
SIXTH RACE—Carbancle 1, Hon-tress 2, Arsenal 3.

(Special to The Evening World.)
SARATOGA RACE TRACK, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Picking winners out of today's programme was harder than finding a needle in a haystack, but the fact that odds looked overwhelmingly in favor of the layers did not prevent the crowd from coming to the course.

The muddy track added to the tribulations of the players, but the old saying that "Fools go where angels fear to tread" held good and the crowd went at the bookies just as if the races were in.

The card was certainly a very hard one and there was no event where a winner stood out with any degree of certainty. This made the racing intensely interesting.

The feature was the Merchants and Citizens' Handicap at a mile and a far long. There were thirteen entries, and every one of the thirteen looked to have a chance. The flower of the handicap division East and West came together in this race. The \$3,000 added in this stake were contributed by the hotel people and merchants of Saratoga.

William C. Whitney, President of the association, returned to Saratoga to-day. An important meeting of the Jockey Club was held this afternoon. "Rough riding" on the part of jockeys was one of the subjects under discussion.

Jockey Erbasmeh, who was injured by being thrown from Dr. Hughes in a race several days ago, still remains in an unconscious state. The chances are that he will die.

Frank Farrell to-day sold five Nations to Mr. M. Hayman for \$1,000.

FIRST RACE.
Starters, wgt., jockeys. St. Hif. Pin. Str. Place.
Bar Le Duc, 115, Odum, 3 1/4 19 11 5
Lady Radnor, 107, Redfern, 4 2 1/2 24 3 1
Toddy, 100, Smith, 3 1/2 21 10 2
Ocleant, 114, Landry, 5 4 1/2 34 3 1
Toson, 110, Jackson, 1 2 1/2 4 3 1
Bridesmaid II, 102.

Start good. Won easily. Time—1:16.5.
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FOURTH RACE.
Starters, wgt., jockeys. St. Hif. Pin. Str. Place.
Herbert, 122, L. Smith, 3 1/2 19 11 5
Key-note, 96, Cochran, 4 2 1/2 24 3 1
Whiskey King, 100, Redfern, 4 2 1/2 24 3 1
Articulate, 123, Odum, 3 1/2 19 11 5
Francisco, 100, Michaels, 2 1/2 14 3 1
Start fair. Won easily. Time—1:16.5.

This race brought about the long-looked-for meeting between Herbert and Articulate. There was some talk of a match after the running of the Saratoga Handicap, but both were content to meet in a race, which opened at 1:20. They met on a track to the liking of both and Herbert made Articulate look like thirty cents. Herbert went to the front at the end of a quarter, and throughout, winning easily by a length and a half from Key-note, who was eight lengths in front of Whiskey King. Articulate was fourth.

FIFTH RACE.
Starters, wgt., jockeys. St. Hif. Pin. Str. Place.
Gloriosa, 105, Odum, 3 1/2 19 11 5
W. R. Condon, 107, Redfern, 4 2 1/2 24 3 1
Shrine, 103, Cochran, 1 2 1/2 4 3 1
Wannabee, 99, Henderson, 5 4 1/2 34 3 1
Squirt, 96, Burns, 9 6 1/2 37 12 4
Hoe, 101, Rice, 4 2 1/2 24 3 1
Wannabee, 99, Henderson, 5 4 1/2 34 3 1
Embarrassment, 112, Landry, 10 10 10 25
Start good. Won driving. Time—1:08.3.

Gloriosa jumped away in a hard drive by a head from W. R. Condon, who was second all the way. Shrine came fourth, and all the way. Shrine third throughout, was five lengths away.

SIXTH RACE.
Handicap for all ages; one mile.
Starters, wgt., jockeys. St. Hif. Pin. Str. Place.
Carbancle, 115, Odum, 3 1/2 19 11 5
Hon-tress, 104, Landry, 5 4 1/2 34 3 1
Arsenal, 107, O'Connor, 8 8 1/2 37 12 4
Himself, 100, J. Daly, 2 1/2 14 3 1
Carbuncle won.
Hon-tress was second.
Arsenal was third.
Time—1:43.

**TRAIN WRECKED
ON FLYING RUN.**

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NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 19.—Winfield J. Taylor, the former wealthy Southern lawyer, who was taken from a train in Jersey City, having assaulted Henry Goddard with a sword cane while on the way from Newark, narrowly escaped being killed in the office precinct station to-day.

Taylor was brought from Jersey City preparatory to being sent to the insane asylum. He was placed in a padded cell nearly to death before he was taken to the asylum. He was found in the cell in the office precinct station to-day.

Taylor was already badly blistered. Moore ran the man from the cell, at the same time shouting for help. Sergt. Vogel responded, and Taylor sprang at him, seized him by the throat and choked him nearly to death before he was overpowered. The fire was easily extinguished.

Taylor was later taken to the asylum. His family are well connected in Baltimore, and he was at one time worth over a quarter of a million. Lately he was in the law department of an insurance company.

KING EDWARD'S GIFT.
LONDON, Aug. 19.—King Edward has devoted the gift of \$50,000 received from the Maharajah of Gwalior to the hospital fund.

Short Time, Short Line to Chicago.
The Pennsylvania Special leaves New York daily at 1:30 P. M., arrives Chicago 8:45 A. M.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M.
Wednesday for New York City and vicinity: Thunderstorms and local rains this evening; Wednesday fair; fresh southwest, shifting to northwest, winds.

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